

APPENDIX D - ACRES SUITABLE AND NOT SUITABLE FOR WILDLAND FIRE USE BY ALTERNATIVE AND FIELD OFFICE

The following table compares acres suitable and not suitable for wildland fire use (WFU) for each field office by alternative. Criteria used to designate areas suitable for WFU were different for each alternative. There are no areas designated suitable for WFU in Alternative A – No Action. This is because the 12 existing land use plans (LUPs) lack specific guidance for WFU. A few of the existing LUPs, however, allow *limited suppression*, which may be interpreted as similar to WFU. Areas designated as suitable for WFU in Alternative B were designated where a controlled wildland fire (WFU) would benefit resources and help achieve management goals. Areas designated as suitable for WFU in Alternative C were limited to the vegetation cover types that have degraded over the last century because of too little fire, shifts in species dominance, and accumulation of fuels. These cover types include Aspen/Conifer, Dry Conifer, Mid-elevation Shrub, Juniper, Mountain Shrub, and Wet/Cold Conifer. Areas designated as suitable for WFU in Alternative D were limited to sagebrush steppe areas that have presently degraded to domination by the Juniper cover type or the Mountain Shrub cover type in more mesic sites that generally do not require rehabilitation following fires. WFU may be allowed in sage grouse habitats for the benefit of the habitat only after site-specific project level consultation/collaboration with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). Acres suitable for WFU in Alternative E are the same as the acres suitable for WFU in Alternative C. Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve are not included in the following figures.

TABLE 1. ACRES SUITABLE AND NOT SUITABLE BY ALTERNATIVE FOR WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) BY FIELD OFFICE										
Field Office	Alternative A (No Action)		Alternative B		Alternative C		Alternative D		Alternative E (Proposed Plan Amendment)	
	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable	Suitable
Upper Snake	1,791,000	0	733,300	1,057,800	1,289,300	501,700	1,773,300	17,800	1,289,300	501,700
Pocatello	617,400	0	346,100	271,300	147,000	470,300	404,600	212,800	147,000	470,300
Burley	859,700	0	438,500	421,100	465,000	394,700	671,400	188,300	465,000	394,700
Shoshone	1,455,500	0	290,800	1,164,700	1,073,000	382,600	1,444,200	11,200	1,073,000	382,600
Total	4,723,600	0	1,808,700	2,914,900	2,974,300	1,749,300	4,293,500	430,100	2,974,300	1,749,300